

# LIQUOR COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU



## FILING A GROSS LIQUOR SALES REPORT FOR WHOLESALER CLASS

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### **REMINDER!!!**

### **A GROSS LIQUOR SALES REPORT MUST BE FILED**

Late or non-filed reports will be a violation and subject to penalties as prescribed by the Honolulu Liquor Commission (ref. §3-81-17.54(c))

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# INSTRUCTIONS TO FILE A GROSS LIQUOR SALES REPORT

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## **Additional License Fees on Gross Liquor Sales (GLS)**

In addition to the basic license fee, an additional license fee is assessed on the GLS. The additional license fee is calculated on the net of the GLS less a deductible (threshold). The additional license fee is assessed when the GLS exceeds the deductible. The deductible is prorated for licenses that are issued, cancelled, or revoked during the course of the fiscal year. (Ref. §3-81-17.51(a))

## **Who Must File**

All the licensees, except transit vessel (per day), special, and bring-your-own beverage, shall file a report as directed by the Commission showing the true and accurate gross sales of liquor and purchases of liquor. (Ref. §3-81-17.54)

The report shall be filed for the active liquor license period and must be filed even if there are no sales.

## **Due Dates**

- **The Annual GLS** report shall be complete and filed with the additional license fee, if applicable, no sooner than July 1 nor later than **JULY 31** of each year, or at such other times as the Commission may direct. (Ref. §3-81-17.54(c)) The rule applies for licenses that are stored in safekeeping during the fiscal year, or for licenses that are not renewed for the upcoming year.
- **The Partial GLS** report shall be filed for licenses that are revoked, canceled, or expired by term, **WITHIN 31 DAYS** following such change in status.
- **The Temporary GLS** report shall be filed for licenses that are canceled or expired by term **WITHIN 31 DAYS** following such change in status.
- Wholesale Class licensees shall also file an Interim GLS report for the period from July 1 to December 31. The Interim GLS report is due no later than **MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>** of the following year. (Ref. §3-81-17.54(g))

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## **What Report Forms to File**

- **Annual** – To report GLS for the fiscal year period from July 1 to June 30
- **Partial** – To report GLS for the partial filing period (newly issued license, license transfer, expiration, revocation, or cancellation of the regular license)
- **Temporary** – To report GLS for the temporary license period
- **Interim** – To report GLS for the first six-month period from July 1 to December 31 (Wholesale Class License only)

## **Gross Liquor Sales Reporting Period**

- **Annual GLS** – From July 1 through June 30
- **Partial GLS** – From the license issuance date to the license end date (cancellation date, revocation date, or fiscal year end date)
- **Temporary GLS** – From the license issuance date to the license end date (cancellation date, expiration date, or revocation date)
- **Interim GLS** (Wholesale Class License only) – From July 1 through December 31

**DO NOT** use a business opening date or a closure date.

## **Filing Methods**

Only an original, signed and completed GLS form with the additional license fee, if applicable, will be accepted. A faxed or emailed GLS report will not be accepted.

- **ONLINE:** To file GLS report on-line using the Liquor Commission Information System (LCIS), you will need to request access to LCIS. Please visit LCIS webpage at: <http://www.honolulu.gov/liq/lcis.html>.
- **MAIL OR OVER THE COUNTER:** Your GLS report form and the additional license fee payment, if applicable, must either be hand-delivered to the Honolulu Liquor Commission or properly mailed and postmarked by the required filing dates. (Ref. §3-81-17.54(c)) To obtain your PDF-printable GLS form, go to <http://www.honolulu.gov/liq/gls.html> and select the appropriate GLS form that is based on your type of liquor license.

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## **Payment Methods**

- Corporate Check, Cashier's Check, or Money Order, payable to "City & County of Honolulu"
- MasterCard/VISA/Discover card, plus non-refundable service fee\*  
*\*The 2.35% non-refundable service fee is waived if payment is made by Friday, October 30, 2020.*
- Cash (accepted in-person at our Front Counter only)

## **How to Amend a Report**

To amend a report, use the same type of report form, check off the box "Amended Report" located at the top right corner of the form, fill in the correct figures, and submit with the supporting documents. You will receive a notice once your amended report is verified.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE LIQUOR LAWS AND RULES**

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### **DEFINITION OF GROSS LIQUOR SALES (GLS)**

“Gross sales” means the total receipts actually received from the sale of liquor for which the license has been issued without deduction on account of the cost of property sold or expenses of any kind. (Ref. HRS §281-1)

*The State General Excise Tax and the liquor bottle fees and any other fees in connection with the liquor sales assessed to customers must be reported as a part of GLS.*

### **COMPLIMENTARY DRINKS/SAMPLES**

Licensees who give complimentary drinks or samples without charge shall report the full sales value of those drinks in their annual gross sales. If there is no sales price related to the complimentary drinks, the licensee shall report the complimentary drink’s value at four (4) times the amount of liquor purchased. (Ref. §3-81-17.54(f))

### **UNAUTHORIZED LIQUOR PURCHASES**

It shall be unlawful for any retail licensee except a class 10 licensee (Special, per day) to purchase or acquire liquor from any person other than a wholesaler licensed pursuant to this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this section. (Ref. HRS §281-31(t))

**DO NOT** purchase liquor from retailers, such as Costco or Sam’s Club.

### **INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR RECORDS**

All licensees, except transient vessel (per day), special, and bring-your-own-beverage, shall produce within three (3) calendar days for Commission inspection books or records showing all income, purchases and expenses of their liquor licensed business. These books and records, including but not limited to daily sales records and invoices, shall be made available for inspection and/or auditing by the Commission, through its auditors or otherwise, at any time and shall be preserved for a period of four years . . . (Ref. §3-81-17.54(d))

### **GENERAL RIGHT OF INSPECTION**

An auditor from the Liquor Commission may visit your licensed premises without advance notice to review your sales recording system, daily sales recording procedures, or to talk with your operations manager to ensure understanding of the liquor laws and rules. Our auditor will first present a Notice of Inspection memo, along with his/her Honolulu Liquor Commission Employee ID and business card. We appreciate your cooperation as failure to provide access may result in a second inspection and/or a full audit.

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## STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS TO FILE YOUR PARTIAL GROSS LIQUOR SALES REPORT

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### IMPORTANT:

1. Use only a black or dark blue ink pen. Do not use red ink, pencils, felt tip pens, or erasable pens.
2. Print amounts only on those lines that are applicable.
3. DO NOT round your numbers

### COMPUTATION OF ADDITIONAL LICENSE FEE

<u>COMPUTATION OF ADDITIONAL LICENSE FEE</u>	
Partial Period Reporting: [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] New License [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Transfer [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Other	
1. Total Liquor Sales from _____ to _____	1. _____
2. General Excise Tax (if assessed to customers)	2. _____
3. Liquor Bottle Fees (if assessed to customers)	3. _____
4. Complimentary Drinks and/or Samples (Report at the full value)	4. _____
5. <b>GROSS LIQUOR SALES (GLS)</b> (Add Lines 1 through 4)	5. _____
6. Less Prorated Deductible (Please call 808-768-7343 for the prorated deductible)	6. _____
7. NET GLS (Line 5 minus Line 6. Enter "0", if less than "0".)	7. _____
8. Assessment Rate of the class of the respective license	8. <b>0.001</b>
9. <b>ADDITIONAL LICENSE FEE DUE AND PAYABLE</b> (Multiply Lines 7 and 8; Limited to \$10,000)	9. _____
Please make checks payable to "City & County of Honolulu"	
PAYMENT ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Partial Period Reporting:** Check the applicable box.

- **New License** – A newly issued liquor license.
- **Transfer** – A liquor license transferred from the previous owner.
- **Other** – Specify the final status of your license if other than June 30 (i.e. cancelled, revoked, etc.).

**Line 1 – Total Liquor Sales from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

Enter the Total Liquor Sales from the license issuance date to the license end date (cancellation date, expiration date, or revocation date).

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## Line 2 – General Excise Tax

Enter the amount of the General Excise Tax assessed to customers on the total liquor sales reported on Line 1.

## Line 3 – Liquor Bottle Fees

Enter the amount of liquor bottle fees assessed to customers on the total liquor sales reported on Line 1.

## Line 4 – Complimentary Drinks and/or Samples

Enter the full value of complimentary drinks and/or free samples provided to customers. If there is no sales price related to the complimentary drink or sample, enter the value at four (4) times the amount of liquor purchased.

## Line 5 – GROSS LIQUOR SALES (GLS)

Add Lines 1 through Line 4, and enter the total in Line 5.

## Line 6 – Less Deductible

The deductible is a set threshold given to deduct from the GLS. **The deductible will be prorated for licenses with a partial reporting period.**

- **Fillable Form (Highly Recommended)** – The prorated deductible will auto-calculate based on the reporting period entered in Line 1.
- **Printable Form** – Contact Honolulu Liquor Commission for the prorated deductible.

**Note:** You must enter the correct reporting period in order to compute the accurate deductible amount. An erroneous entry may result in re-submission of your GLS report.

## Line 7 – Net GLS

Subtract the deductible from the GLS (Line 5 minus Line 6). Enter only if the result is positive. If the result is negative, enter zero “0”. You will not owe any additional license fees. Proceed to Cost of Liquor Sold section of this report.

## Line 8 – Assessment Rate of the class of the respective license

The assessment rate for the Wholesaler Class is set at 0.1%

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## Line 9 – ADDITIONAL LICENSE FEE DUE AND PAYABLE

Multiply Net GLS and the Assessment Rate 0.1% (0.001) to calculate the amount of additional license fee due and payable (Line 7 x 0.001). The additional license fee is limited to \$10,000. You must submit both the report and the additional license fee payment by the due date to be considered on-time.

### COST OF LIQUOR SOLD

<u>COST OF LIQUOR SOLD</u>	
A. Beginning Liquor Inventory as of _____	A. _____
B. Total Liquor Costs for the period _____	B. _____
C. Ending Liquor Inventory as of _____	C. _____
D. Cost of Liquor Sold for the period (Lines A + B - C) <small>* "Liquor Costs" mean landed costs for Wholesalers.</small>	D. _____

#### IMPORTANT:

1. If you did not take a physical count of the liquor inventory, you may enter both 0 or the same inventory amount in Line A and C (i.e. Line A – 2000, Line C – 2000) as long as your business maintained approximately the same amount of inventory throughout the year.
2. If you use a perpetual inventory system that records real-time transactions of liquor products received and sold, skip Line A, B, and C, and enter the Cost of Liquor Sold for the reporting period.

#### A. Beginning Liquor Inventory

Enter the beginning liquor inventory as of the starting date on Line 1. If the license is new or transferred, and this is your first time filing a GLS report, the beginning liquor inventory should be zero "0". If this is your final report, the beginning inventory should be "the ending inventory as of June 30" reported on the previous year's GLS report.

#### B. Total Liquor Costs

Enter the total amount of liquor costs during the period.

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### C. Ending Liquor Inventory

Enter the final liquor inventory as of the ending date on Line 1, and enter the cost value in Line C.

### D. Cost of Liquor Sold for the period

Add Beginning Inventory plus Total Liquor Costs minus Ending Inventory to calculate your Cost of Liquor Sold for the reporting period (Lines A + B - C = Cost of Liquor Sold).

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to §3-81-17.5 et seq., the Rules of the Liquor Commission, and under the penalties set forth in §281, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I certify that this Gross Liquor Sales Report is true, accurate, and complete, and I am authorized to submit this report.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer, Member, or Authorized Agent

Print Name/Title

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Cx#: \_\_\_\_\_

initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_)

For assistance, please contact HLC Auditing Team:  
(808) 768-7343; Liq-Auditing@honolulu.gov

The report must be signed by the owner, partner, corporate officer, member, or authorized agent registered with the Honolulu Liquor Commission. It must be submitted with the original signature of the authorized party. No faxed or emailed GLS report will be accepted. (Ref. §3-81-17.54(e)) To register Authorized Agent, submit the "Notification of Authorized Agent" form with the GLS report.

[Notification of Authorized Agent Form \(Form No. LIQ-LIC-106\)](#)

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